

[mail date], 2008

Mike and Ellen Anypeople
123 Your Street
<Any City>, <XX> <00000>

Dear Mike and Ellen,

In Matthew 14, the disciples went away to rest, but a crowd of needy people followed them. They wanted the crowd to leave, but Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Jesus told the disciples to pass out their supply of fish and bread, but they barely had enough for themselves, let alone enough to feed a crowd of 5,000. They wondered how their contribution could make a difference -- but it did. They gave what they had and Jesus supplied the rest.

Just like the disciples on the hill, you can make a difference in the lives of the needy with your two-month Summer Gift Commitment.

As the temperatures rise, so will the demand for our services. Unfortunately, summer is also a time when our donations typically decrease, making it harder to provide for the increased number of needy people who walk through our door.

Will you send one gift in July and another in August to help the hungry and homeless survive the hot <City> summer? Or, perhaps you could you commit to one larger gift to cover both months. However you choose to give, you can be sure that your gift will touch the lives of the least, last, and lost this summer.

It's because of the combined generosity of people like you that we can provide food, shelter and the love of Jesus Christ 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For every <\$0.00>

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you contribute, we'll place one hot meal in front of someone who so desperately needs it.

And who knows? Maybe that one meal will lead to a saved life through Jesus Christ.

That's why your two-month Summer Gift Commitment is so important. Because at the <Mission Name>, we provide more than a meal and a bed. We provide comprehensive programs for recovery and life transformation made possible by God's provision through you.

With your help, we seek to touch each needy man, woman and child with God's love. **Because you give so freely, we're able to offer many live-saving services to those in need.**

Thank you for your continued support of our Mission. Your summer gift will help us cover the cost of the <number> meals we anticipate serving in July and August. For every <\$0.00> you donate, you give one needy person a nutritious meal, but you also give them hope.

Thank you for your friendship and service for the poor in our community. We're in this together and we praise God for you every day!

Simply His Servant,

[signature]

<Name>

<Title>

P.S. I've enclosed two envelopes and response forms with this letter. **Will you use them to make a two-month Summer Gift Commitment?** Just like the disciples cared for the crowd on the hill, together in Christ, we can care for all of the needy people who come through our doors this summer.

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Dear Mike and Ellen,

Even though they had no idea how five loaves of bread and two fish were going to feed everyone on the hill, the disciples took the food from Jesus and passed it out to the crowd (Matthew 14).

As they obeyed Jesus' command to serve, the food multiplied and there was enough to feed all of the men, women, and children on the hill.

Since our last letter to you in early spring, we want you to know that, just like the needy on the hill, **many guests and residents of the Mission have benefited from your obedience to serve.**

Your previous gifts have helped people like <Name>, who came to <Mission Name> on a judge's order to enter our program and turn his life around or face life in prison.

<Name> took that challenge, entered our <program name> for men, and now has plans to serve the Mission and the community by providing housing for people like him who need transitional homes as the last stage in recovery.

Because of your previous contributions, we've been able to give people like <Name> more than a meal and a bed - we've been able to give them hope.

But there is a long, hot summer ahead of us and the demand for our services will continue to increase -- that's why we still need you.

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Last month, we included two envelopes for your Summer Gift Commitment. For your convenience, we've enclosed another July reply envelope in case you misplaced the one from the previous letter.

Will you use the enclosed envelope to send another gift to help feed and shelter the hungry and homeless this summer?

Through the love of Christ and the generosity of people like you, <Name> has a new life. He has now become the disciple on the hill, giving of himself to those in need.

That's why your Summer Gift Commitment is so important -- it really does change people's lives!

When you give so freely, you offer many life-saving services to those in need. **Your July gift will help us cover the cost of more than <number> meals this summer. It will also give abused children a safe haven and keep families together while they get their lives on track.**

Thank you for your continued support of our Mission -- we praise God every day for your goodness as we see your gifts change the lives of the least, the last, and the lost.

Simply His Servant,

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<Name>

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P.S. Will you use the enclosed envelope to send a July gift? Just like the disciples who cared for the crowd on the hill, together in Christ, we can care for all of the needy people who come through our doors this summer.